OT 17 2001 2

Corres. and Man In AF

I HEREBY CER SEY THAT WHIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL UNDER 37 CFR 1.8 IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO:

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON THE DATE INDICATED

BELOW.

DATE: <u>/0/15/0 (</u>

PATENT

Attorney Docket: D5381-00001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of: Michael Marcase

Melanie S. Goddard

Serial No. 09/439,807

Group Art Unit: 3711

Filed: 11/12/99

Examiner: S. Varma

For: GOLF CLUB AND CLUB HEAD

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE UNDER

37 CFR 1.116

Box AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Response to Final Rejection

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated August 15, 2001, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were finally rejected. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Examiner rejected claims 1, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6, 093,113 to Mertens. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner stated that 1) Applicant has argued that the "knife-like leading edge" of the